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Hundreds Cited for DUI and Aggressive Driving Violations **Labor Day Weekend**

Dover – High visibility enforcement was definitely in effect this Labor Day weekend as Delaware roads were blanketed with a strong police presence aimed at making it a safe, and ultimately fatality free, holiday. Delaware law enforcement officers from roughly 30 State, county, and municipal police agencies worked diligently to stop impaired and aggressive drivers from injuring or killing themselves or other innocent motorists on the roadways.

Sixty people were arrested for DUI and more than 500 drivers were cited for aggressive driving related violations as a result of a trio of safety initiatives coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. The initiatives included the ongoing regional *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign, the national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest* DUI crackdown, and the statewide *Stop Aggressive Driving* campaign. As part of these efforts officers conducted four sobriety checkpoints and dozens of DUI saturation and aggressive driving patrols throughout the state.

“We appreciate the dedication of our law enforcement community to keeping our roadways safe,” said Tricia Roberts, Director of the Office of Highway Safety. “Largely due to their efforts this was a fatality free weekend. Their strong, visible presence out there this weekend was no doubt a deterrent to some who would have otherwise chosen to drive recklessly, dangerously, and/or impaired by drugs or alcohol.”

The following is a breakdown of the weekend's violations:

DUI Arrests – 60
Underage alcohol violations – 9
Drug Charges/Arrest – 24
Felony Arrests – 4
Wanted Persons Apprehended – 5
Violation of State's Aggressive Driving law – 15
Speed – 345
Red Light and Stop Sign Violations – 88
Unsafe Lane Changes – 37
Following too closely – 15
Passing on the shoulder – 2
Failure to yield right of way – 2
Child Restraint Citations – 3
Seat Belt Citations – 96
Additional Traffic Violations 691

Weekly sobriety checkpoints will continue through the end of the year, and stepped up aggressive driving patrols will run through the end of November. The Office of Highway Safety reminds you that traffic crashes kill and injure nearly twice as many people in Delaware as violent crimes. For more information on statewide traffic safety initiatives, visit the OHS website at www.ohs.delaware.gov.

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